Oebarsius

(d. a. 448)

BRIEFING

Oebarsius or **Aybars** (died after 448) was a Hun nobleman, brother of Mundzuk and uncle of Bleda and Attila.

BIOGRAPHY

He was held in great honor, and sat next to Attila at royal banquets. Oebarsius was probably never a king, and had no dominion of his own. He was still alive in 448.

Pritsak considered that the name is a transcription of Turkic *Oibars*, meaning "yellow leopard" (hence "lion"). According to Hyun Jin Kim, his name is connected to Turkic *Aybars*, meaning "leopard of the moon", an ongon in the Turkic mythology. There are other opinions about the affinity of his name with *Oebasus*, the Latin form of an Iranian name. His name, possibly as many other recorded by Priscus, might have been Grecisized.